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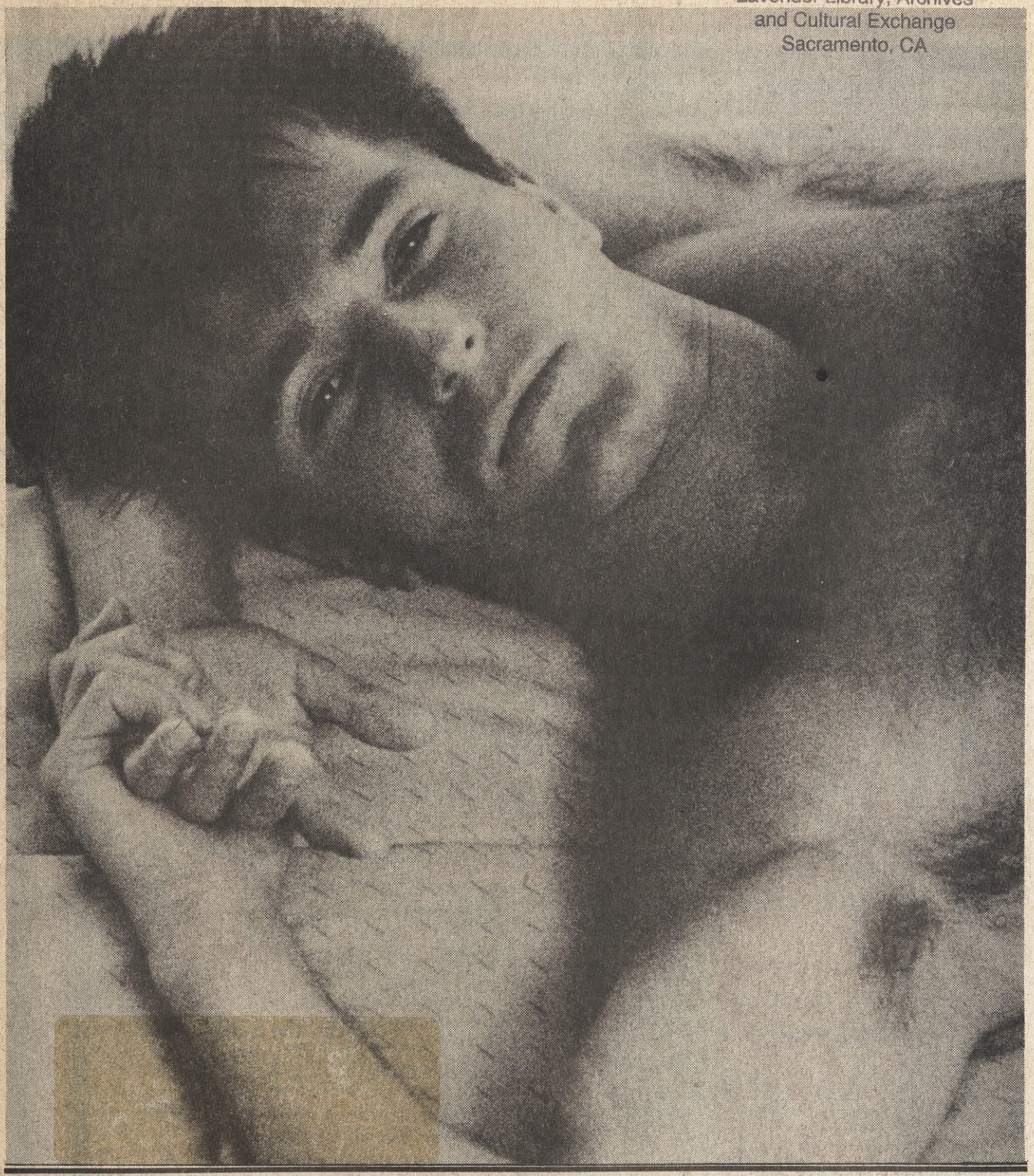

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PATLAR WRITER WINS IN SUPREME COURT

The United States Supreme has recently refused to throw out child-stealing charges against a fundamentalist Christian woman who said her son should not be living with his gay father. The nation's highest court without comment let stand California court rulings that Betty Lou Batey may be prosecuted for taking her son from his father's custody.

Mrs. Batey, a Pentacostal Christian living in San Diego County, opposes the gay lifestyle of her former husband, Patlar columnist Frank Batey, on religious grounds. The father had legal custody of their son, Brian, when Mrs. Batey took the boy to Denver during a visit in 1982. Brian was returned to California in 1984 and now lives with his father in Palm Springs. (Batey vs. California, 86-1184.)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PETITIONS CANDIDATES

The National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs recently announced that it will request presidential aspirants for 1988 to include gay concerns in their platforms. National Association President Christine R. Riddiough said, "This is the opening round in the 1988 election. It is not too early for the gay and lesbian community to begin the dialogue with those seeking the highest office in our land."

The petition states, "We call upon you (the presidential candidates) to support the rights of lesbians and gay men and to reach out in your campaigns to the lesbian and gay community. We urge you, as we enter the third century of the US Constitution, to help 'promote the blessings of lib-

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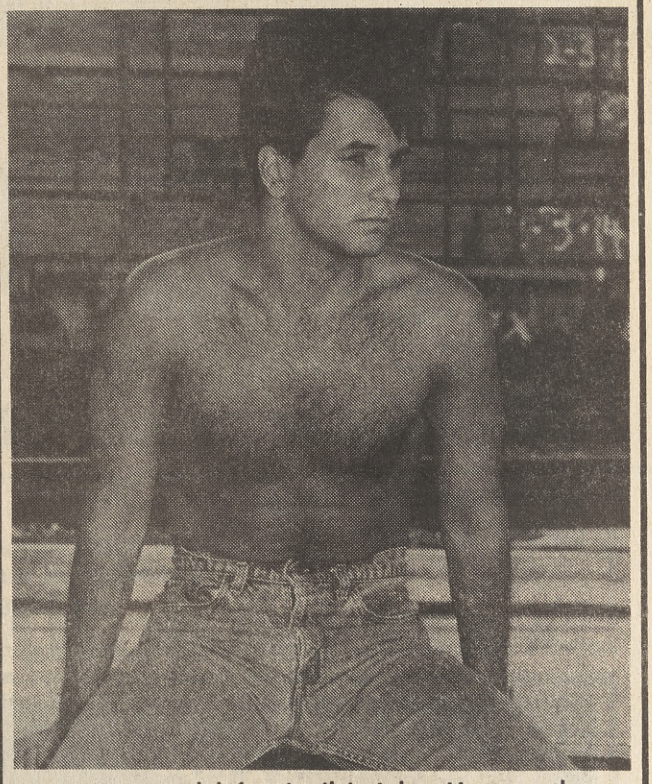

Our model for April is John. He recently moved to Hollywood, California from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. His interests include sports, sking and quiet home evenings. (Photo by Mike Mills)

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erty' for all Americans." The petitions are being distributed to gay activists and organizations around the country.

Riddiough also announced several other aspects of the National Association's 1988 Presidential Project. "We will shortly be releasing preliminary profiles of Democratic candidates or potential candidates for President," she said. "These profiles will provide gay and lesbian activists with the basic information they need to assess the candidates' stands on issues. The National Association will also be developing state by state guides to the gay and lesbian community. Candidates will be encouraged to use these guides in involving gay men and lesbians in their campaigns."

The National Association also has an ongoing program to monitor Democratic Party rules and regulations for the 1988 campaign. It will be organizing activists at the Democratic National Convention to be held in Atlanta, GA July 18-21, 1988. Further information can be obtained from the National Association, 114 15th St., NE, Washington, DC 20002.

CONDOMS PLUS NONOXYNOL-9 NOT SUCH A HOT IDEA!

Health educators with the AIDS Action Committee recently cautioned against the use of condoms and lubricants containing the chemical Nonoxynol-9. The chemical which is widely used in spermicidal creams, jellies, and foams has not been tested on either live animals or humans to determine its effect on rectal tissue.

"Carcinogenicity of this product in the rectal area has not been answered, let alone studied," said Dennis James, a health educator with the comittee. "The use of a condom with a water soluable lubricant is still advised for rectal sexual activity in order to decrease the chances of transmitting disease," he added.

We Need A Gay Or Lesbian Presidential Candidate!

by David Scondras
Boston City Councillor

I agree with Reverend Pat Robertson. His gun-toting, bible-thumping TV ministry warns us that America is in desperate need of salvation, and I agree.

But we are talking about saving two different America's—his one of polyester patriots who see conformity as an index of righteousness and who fear the responsibility freedom brings. His political vision of this country is precisely the one I want to save our country from.

But Reverend Robertson is ahead in the battle. As a presidential candidate, he understands that though his views represent only a small minority of people in this country, he can exercise disproportionate political influence because he has organized, vocalized, and energized his followers.

The gay and lesbian community can learn a lot from Reverend Robertson. And the number-one lesson is that we should run an openly gay or lesbian candidate for President.

To such a race we bring limited, but enormously useful and powerful, resources. We are natural coalition builders; for we are male and female, black and white, young and old, urban and rural, comprised of every nationality, religion, and economic background. And we are everywhere. Our

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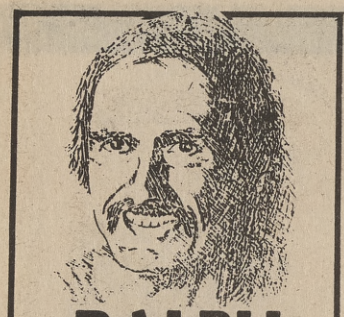

RALPH
and there is more...

by Ralph H. Walker

"April is the cruelist month."

Surely nothing is more cruel than unrequited love, in any month. And those of us who have not at some point in our lives known the kind of pain of a passionate, desperate love which is not returned in kind are few and far between. If you have not had the experience recently, harken back to your adolescence. You undoubtedly had it then, many times. Or at least I did.

There are some of us who still seem to end up, time after time, in relationships that never quite work out and that are characterized more by fear and trembling than love and caring. Sure, you know the type...always falling madly in love with the most improbable people, but sure that in time that person will love them back...eventually.

Well, there's a book that's been on the best seller list that you might have overlooked because of its title: ***Women Who Love Too Much***. It's in paperback now and probably's on the rack at your neighborhood supermarket or drugstore.

Get it and read it! I cannot say it too strongly. This column is not ordinarily a book review, but this one is for the plain and simple reason that this is a book that everyone of you—everyone of us—must read. Not because it tells about women who love too much, which it does, but one doesn't have to use much ingenuity to recognize, in the women Robin Norwood tells about, some men you have known. And you'll also recognize, perhaps for the first time, just how someone could have gotten as deeply involved as Joe did with Willie when it was obvious to everyone else that Willie was a total lie, a cheat, and a con artist (or whatever). You will find that you can fill the blanks to fit the individual joes or johns or jerrys you've known. It will finally all begin to make sense!

As one who works therapeutically with people, I found that this book cast all kinds of light and fresh air into corners of human behavior that had previously been shrouded in mystery to me. Furthermore, it offers a way out for those who once out of a compulsive, destructive relationship want to find a way back to sanity and to learn how to love richly and fully. Ms. Norwood gives instructions for the formation of support groups for women who have this problem; many among you out there who have gone through this experience of loving too much and have known its destructive downward spiral will want to begin groups for men; for God knows, plenty of us are just as hooked on the drug of loving too much.

So, if you have come through the experience of the hopeless love affair, this book is for you. If you have a friend who has, the book is for you...and for lending to him once he has begun to come out of the current addiction. And it's certainly for all of you who are finally recovering from an addictive love affair. Read this book and pass it on! And, place your ad in the paper and bring together a self-help group. You can save yourselves, joined together in mutual support.

But that isn't all. All the rest of us need this book, too. I promise that there is not a sin-

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hundreds of newspapers, thousands of bars, community centers, health clinics, churches, organizations, and millions of brothers and sisters coupled with our compassion, energy, and unmatched creativity are ripe with national political potential.

Imagine this scenario: Someone with the skill, persuasiveness, and appeal of Ginny Apuzzo enters the New Hampshire primary. Hundreds of students from New England stream into New Hampshire joining activists there to tell voters of Ginny's vision, her commitment to a broad range of issues, and her courage in fighting to liberate us all from homophobic bigotry.

At every candidates' forum, TV appearance, and campaign stop, the national presidential campaign is forced to deal with lesbian and gay issues, to hear our demands as presented by an articulate, personable woman. Gary Hart would be forced to speak out on our rights as parents. Richard Gaphardt would have to address his proposal for a national AIDS policy. And Michael Dukakis would be challenged at every turn.

Ginny would capture the imagination of people everywhere, and perhaps even astonish political pundits by placing well among independent-minded New Hampshire voters with her sincere appeal for a better America.

But how many delegates she wins, how many primaries she manages to run in, is not as important as the fact of her conducting a campaign. Simply by running, by not accepting her seat in the back of the democratic party bus, she would put us miles ahead of where we would be by relying on straight "friends" who have traditionally produced little for our community.

By organizing, vocalizing, and energizing, we can empower ourselves to do something about the oppression we face; and we can alter the political course of this country with a concentrated, forcused campaign.

There will be those who say, "Oh no, we cannot hurt the chances for a Democrat in the White House." And just as Martin Luther King and every liberator before and since has been told, we will be warned that "now is not the time."

This is a mistake.

We want so much to pretend that we belong, that America loves us, that we place every agenda ahead of our own.

We must understand that there is no fight more precious, no cause more just, no victory more deserving, no time more urgent than ours is now.

There must be an end to gay children being thrown off bridges to their death. There must be a new freedom to allow all of us to dance wherever there is dancing. There must be a realization that American will be made stronger by investing in life rather than insanely wasting trillions in preparation for global destruction.

And there must be an end to the quiet desperation of those shaking in closets and the gratuitous punishment that leads so many of our brothers and sisters to walk crippled through life as emotionally disturbed, mentally tormented, and alcoholic.

More and more of us have courage and self-respect to recognize that if we do not rock the boat we will be drowned. The injustices we confront cannot be discounted any longer by feelings that somehow we deserve them, that our struggle for justice is not as valid as others.

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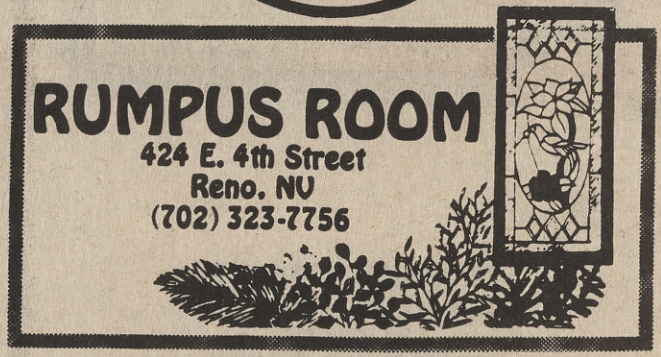

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Lesbian Label Can Be Libelous

Even though non-traditional lifestyles are more accepted today, it still can be libelous to label someone a lesbian.

In her $6 million suit over the 1979 film version of "The Bell Jar," psychiatrist Jane V. Anderson, 55, claimed that falsely being protrayed as a homosexual as well as suicidal was so unnerving that it triggered a bout of severe emotional distress. She and Sylvia Plath, author of the novel, both had been mental patients at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts during the 1950s.

Anderson, a faculty member at Harvard Medical School, testified that she is not and never has been a homosexual. After her testimony, several of the defendants agreed to pay the psychiatrist a $150,000 judgment. The signers of the decree conceded that the movie coincidentally but falsely seemed to portray the character as having homosexual inclinations.

Gay rights activists argue that a homosexual orientation is a normal human variant, a sign of neither depravity nor mental illness. Civil rights advocates and many legislators agree. So why should someone falsely described as a homosexual be entitled to collect damages in court?

The answer seems to be that although in an ideal world an allegation of homosexuality should not be libelous, in the real world it still carries a stigma. "It's a tough situation. I can't say it's good and I can't say it's bad," says Urvashi Vaid, spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "Politically, we want people to come out of the closet, largely because people who know someone who's gay tend to be less anti-gay. But basically, we support people's right to privacy. People have so much fear of being thought gay because there's so much homophobia."

BETTER BOOKS

Best Guide To Great Britain, Eden Cross Uitgeverij, 1987, (234 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10001), $9.95. Researched and edited by Peter Glencross.

Probably the most thorough gay guide ever published about Great Britain, this guide is essential reading for anybody thinking of visiting that country. This new guide lists just about every gay establishment in Britain, ranging from gay hotels and saunas to gay mortgage companies and bookstores. Several hundred of the most important gay spots in almost every major town and city in the country were inspected, some on several occasions. Many others, VD clincs and tourist information offices for example, were checked by telephone. All the information was then checked with London Gay Switchboard and with local switchboards, helplines, and befriending services.

The front section has several interesting articles written by well-known gays in the British gay movement. The subjects range from the gay movement itself, gay politics, to important gay issues. The editor makes a couple of attacks, one on Mrs. Thatcher, the other on the alcohol licensing laws. AIDS warnings, and information abouyt BD/STD clinics are, of course, included.

The listings are in alphabetical order by town and city, starting with England, then Wales, followed by Scotland. Many towns have their own introductions with reference to the gay and tourist scenes. The guide does not set out to be a general tourist guide, but some very intereting snippits of tourist information are included.

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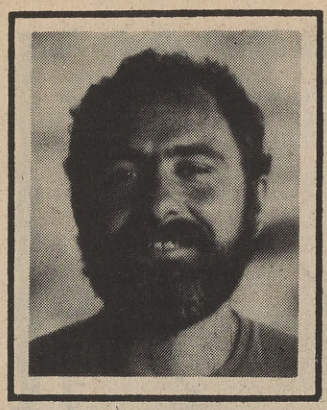

That's Fairly Interesting!

by Frank Batey

"A death rattle by fundamentalists" is what many observers credit for the current waves of censorship, court battles, and public condemnations. The fundies are furious.

Southern Baptists are charging "universalism" in their current purge of suspected liberals who are "undermining the faith of young Southern Baptists" at Southern Baptist seminaries. The Baptist problem appears to be one of varying interpretations of the Bible. If you have one Baptist, you have no such problem. But if you have two or more Baptists, you automatically have varying interpretations of the Bible, of course. Kind of like the Second Law of Thermodynam Roman Catholic fundies are equally on the warpath. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, expelled a prominent Jesuit psychiatrist for refusing to give up his public ministry to homosexuals. Reverend John J. McNeill's expulsion is being viewed as a part of a Vatican crackdown on dissent in Catholicism.

American Jews are usually part of the Jewish reform or conservative sects of Judaism. These are movements not welcome in the state of Israel, where only orthodox Judaism is recognized by the government. Orthodoxy in Israel has taken some harsh turns for the worse recently.

The Education Ministry of Israel has banned the works of several prominent...and Jewish...authors from religious schools in Israel. (Religious schools comprise about 25% of the educational institutions in Israel.) Among the authors who have been banned are Nobel laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer, Vladimir Nobokov, and Garcia Marquez. Their books were not deemed suitable for devout students.

In Alabama, a fundy federal judge has ruled that secular humanism (a philosophy which emphasizes personal responsibility rather than organizational religion) is a religion. Therefore, claims Judge W. Brevard Hand, anything loosely defined as humanist may be stricken from educational materials in schools. An interesting and effective strategy...which probably is its own best enemy. Calling a non-religious way of thinking a "religion" is yet another indication that anti-religious and anti-Christian forces are taking over much of what we've traditinally assumed was religious or Christian in the world. It's the pot calling the kettle black when, in fact, the kettle's the pot.

Mobile County School officials immediately took 45 books off the shelves. These include books covering home economics, history, and social studies which fall into the lists of books included in Judge Hand's ban.

The plaintiffs in this case include more than 600 parents, teachers, ministers, and others gathered by Judge Hand from an Alabama school prayer case overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1985. Their case was

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What Is This Thing Called Rolfing?

by Ben Ohs
(Advanced Certified Rolfer)

What in the world is Rolfing? How is it possible for my body to change that much? Is it painful? Does it last? What will I get out of this; how will I feel afterwards? These are typical questions in my everyday practice as a Rolfer. I hope this article brings some elucidation on these questions.

Rolfing, named after its creator Dr. Ida Rolf, is a technique of deep tissue massage that lengthens your body towards a balanced symetrical alignment. The musculature is freed and balanced around a vertical axis. Your posture spontaneously becomes more erect, obtains greater flexibility, and has more energy. You also feel a lot better about yourself emotionally as well. As the muscles reposition themselves, a whole new movement pattern emerges; and coupled with a better education and awareness of your body, the results become permanent. Sure sounds good, but how does it work?

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Physical and emotional trauma, repetitious movement patterns, chronic stresses, disease are all reflected in the condition of the fascia. Collagen is a sticky substance; and when fascia is stressed, the collagen bunches and sticks together. This fascial bunching holds our body's systems in certain spatial relationships with respect to each other. This limits movement to a restricted set of habitual, repeated patterns which invite surrounding organs and tissue into compensating positions. You may think that you are massaging a muscle, when it is really a thickening fascial sheet. Rolfing releases these bunchings and thickenings, layer by layer, and fascia begins to reform in thin sheets, a supportive covering rather than a holding structure.

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Amy Hunter, writer, says, "My head now rests over my neck, instead of hanging in front of it. The overall feeling is of lightness—and the lightness carries through the many postures, the activities, and the awkwardness of my life. Many of my long-time recurrent aches and pains—neckaches from hours of sewing or reading, leg cramps from bicycling—have been eliminated. Even my movements of clumsiness feel lighter!"

(For the past ten years, Ben Ohs has practiced Rolfing in Sacramento, California. Anyone wanting to confer with him about Rolfing should call 916/444-7862.)

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by G. W. Lee

Personal style. The words may sound familiar to some people, but to a lot of people, they sound like a foreign phrase. Creating one's own personal style cannot be done overnight, nor can it be done by copying exactly what the current look in fashion is. One's own personal style is created only after you evaluate yourself in several ways to determine what is right for you.

To begin your own personal style evalution, you need to understand your physical as well as you inner self, your personality. What may look fantastic on an adonis model may in fact look not so fantastic on you. For example, if you are not in the right weight range, the great look that the model achieves because of his body form may look terrible on you. Thus you must learn what shapes look good on you and not just on the model. The best way to do this is to go into a clothing store and start trying on everything that appeals to you. If you get a good salesman, he may be of great help in this process.

Another consideration is color. Color is a very important factor in style. If you are dark haired and fair skinned, deep, vibrant colors such as black, white, cobalt blue, and lemon yellow should look good on you. If you are light haired and fair skinned, muted pastels should look good on you. If you are ruddy skinned and have hair that is in the red range such as copper or strawberry, earth toned colors will look best on you. Finally, if you are warm skinned and have light hair, bright pastels are your best bet. There are, of course, exceptions to these rules, but this should help you in deciding if one color looks better on you than another. Most people fall into the vibrant and muted pastel color range, while few fall into the earth and pastel tone families.

The basic shade of a piece of clothing has a lot to do with what is good and not good for your physical shape. The oversized look is fine for thin to normal body types, but only make a larger person look larger and imposing. Items belted at the waist and extremely fitted clothing also do not look well on larger people. Don't dispair! What the larger person should be looking for in clothing are items that are in the darker color ranges and that are loose fitting, yet not like the oversized items. Clothing should fit and be comfortable and flatter your shape. Also look into vertical stripe prints that have neither too large nor too small a stripe.

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please send them to: G. W. Lee—Designer/President, Designs by LEE, PO Box 4503, East Lansing, MI 48826-9103. Until next month, Happy Shopping!

(Editor's note: This month's Ann Muller's column was written by her son, Jason. Thank you, Jason.)

Getting Over It

Coming out to our parents is, for many of us, the single most significant chat in that relationship for years to come. The needs and hopes we carry with us into that confessional outweigh those present in almost any other situation. The intensity of emotion insures that the

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CROSSROADS

BRIDGING COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT AMERICA

VENICE

The local gay and lesbian members of the Sierra Club are planning a trip, April 25, to Indian Canyons outside of Palm Springs (if a permit can be obtained). It will be eight miles roundtrip. Murray Aronson and Pete Geisler will co-lead.

The site has long been inhabited by the Cahuilla Indians. Washitonia Palms, California's only native palm trees, are found in Indian Canyons, and it is also here where Palm Springs orginate.

MODESTO

There will be a combination Pot Luck Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt following services at Metropolitan Community Church on April 19. The event will be held at the park adjacent to 800 E. Morris Avenue.

CATHEDRAL CITY

Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) recently told participants in the fourth annual WESPAC Conference that they must continue fighting for survival and for freedom because "many people depend on PACs for the quality of their live."

WESPAC, as association of West Coast gay political action committees, recently met in Cathedral City, California (near Palm Springs) to discuss common problems.

In his keynote speech, and again on a panel discussion on legislative issues facing the gay community, Congressman Frank stressed that political action committees are giving elected officials "the courage of their convictions" by providing them with ways to show the general population "how trivial our differences really are."

NEW YORK

A major program to help health professionals meet the mental health needs of AIDS patients, their families and friends, was announced recently by Dr. John Brademas, President of New York University (NYU), and Dr. Frank Sullivan, Acting Director, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). NYU received a $556,000 contract from NIMH to conduct a three-year AIDS Mental Health Education and Training Program for over 1500 health and human servce providers—physicians, dentists, psychologists, registered nurses, social workers, and senior health care students.

NYU is one of five groups nationally which receives NIMH funding for a new AIDS/Mental Health Education and Training Program.

CHICAGO

Bejou Video Sales, the Midwest's largest distributor of gay X-rated video, recently announced the release of a new feature, ***Classmates***, by veteran director Toby Ross. The video features David Ashfield in the starring role as a college art student. It is on sale for $59.95 (through July 15, 1987) and is available from Bijou Video Sales. For further information, call 1-800-932-7111. (In Illinois, call 1-800-572-2369.)

Classmates is the first of a series of Toby Ross tapes that Bijou Video will be distributing. This tape also marks the beginning of a period of increased release of new titles. Upcoming releases include ***Bulging Jockstrapes***, early works of Matt Sterling, and the complete J. Brian collection.

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RECURRENTS

by Keith Miller

With a second draft and all of the materials in hand necessary to complete this month's column, I boarded a Pan Scam flight and headed for Key West. My game plan was to write the final draft in that tropical paradise, type it up, and send it off with a Florida postmark. And did I do that? HA! If you think you can go to Key West, vacation for a week and actually do something *constructive*, you are wrong, kids. The daily Parade Of Pectorals along Duval Street was enough to send this level-headed man into orbit. Around Pluto. I found it impossible to concentrate on my column dealing with condoms and double standard of the media. Instead, my thoughts centered on such earth-shattering thoughts as "Which beach to we go to today?" "What did I do with the keys to the moped?" and "I think I'd better get a cash advance on my Visa card." I will admit, however, that I did think about condoms once or twice.

That subject will have to wait. So, here I am, back in Manhattan, tanned and desperate, trying not to let this month's installment turn into a travelogue. I do, however, want to share with **Patlar's** readers something that crossed my mind while I was on vacation. The idea flowed, believe it or not, from condoms. I was thinking of the controversy surrounding the advertising of prophylactics and how difficult it is for people to accept such a (un) new thing, or, for that matter, how hard it is for people to accept almost anything that is different from the way they have always known things. How they refuse to believe that change is growth and growth, change. How horrible that the result of these changes should be taken so for granted by those who benefit the most from it!

During all of this quasi-deep thinking, I was sitting, under a full Friday the 13th moon, on the outdoor patio of a beautiful bar, sipping a rum and coke with lime. I began thinking how bars have changed in as little as 20 years. How a new generation, let loose by the political activism of the late 1960s, populates the local watering holes. In the bar this night, the odd was loud, wild, and carefree. Groups congregated together, friends hung on friends, laughing, gesturing freely. Men mingled, danced, and cruised. A truly free, relaxed atmosphere. Anything goes.

Sine I am 28 years old, I can't remember the bars in the days before Stonewall. A friend of mine related stories to me of the stoic mood of the time. It seems no one could turn on their barstool to speak to someone beside or behind them. No one could stand in the area behind the seated bar customers. You were either seated at the bar, at tables, or standing in a group in a separate area. Dropping a quarter into the jukebox and dancing with your friend was unheard of. It was regimented, restrained. If the behavior of today was practiced, it could be very dangerous, since the cops could raid the place at any time. You risked arrest or beating just for being there. Just for being gay. In 1987, no one raids gay bars. We are left in peace. To ponder our fates. So what of it?

My thoughts centered on the hope that people my age will fully realize the freedom they have and appreciate it. These freedoms resulted from a massive struggle of a group of free spirits toward liberation. "So, what am I supposed to do? Go to the Village and cowtow in front of what was the Stonewall Bar? Hey, I just wanna live my life." Just remember that your freedom is there because someone fought for it. Just remember those same freedoms can be taken away as quickly as they are granted. Take a moment to think about what this freedom means to you and the way you live your life. Think about what you can do to make sure that freedom stays here with us, now and forever.

"AT WORK"
GAY CO-WORKERS:

Friends or Foes?

by Stephen Dolainski
and Stephen Husa

It is ironic that, for many of us, the very people we have the most in common with and are most likely to relate to—other gay people—can be a source of stress and anxiety in the office environment.

Gay workers who are closeted may imagine that another gay person presents a threat to their concealment. They may find it difficult to acknowledge other gay people, let alone be comfortable working with them.

Dr. Marny Hall, a Bay Area psychotherapist, cites a familiar predicament. In her article, *"The Lesbian Corporate Experience,"* which was published in ***The Journal of Homosexuality***, Dr. Hall writes, "One woman, describing the unwanted attention of another lesbian in the company, said: 'She had masculine traits...and she was very open about being gay...and she talked about her female lover...and I was very uncomfortable...because of her image.'"

Even gays who are open about their sexuality may stay away from other gays they perceive as being too open. Yet another awkward situation arises when two gay people, both of whom are comfortable or open about their sexuality, are confused about just how familiar their shared characteristic entitles them to be with each other. Behavior that is matter of fact in a gay environment—touching the other person, talking about a lover—can be inappropriate at the office. In one extreme instance we know of, a gay male editor was flabbergasted one morning when he was greeted with a kiss on the cheek by a fellow gay male co-worker.

Guilt by Association

Rarely can we choose the people we work with. Like them or not, we have to learn to get along with them in order to work effectively with them. So if the presence of other gay people is threatening to us, we can't possibly be prepared to work with them.

How real is the danger of exposure from interacting with other gays at the office? Most likely, not as great as imagined. Chances are your straight co-workers are not scrutinizing your everyday office interactions for clues to your sexuality. So what will you really gain by avoiding other gays? You're accomplishing little or nothing in the way of personal and professional growth. In fact, you could be building a negative reputation for yourself as uncooperative, hostile, inaccessible, even homophobic.

Not to be overlooked is the unique insight about your company or department you can offer a gay colleague, particularly if that person is a new employee. Your avoidance of gay co-workers denies them the benefit of your experience as a gay employee of the company.

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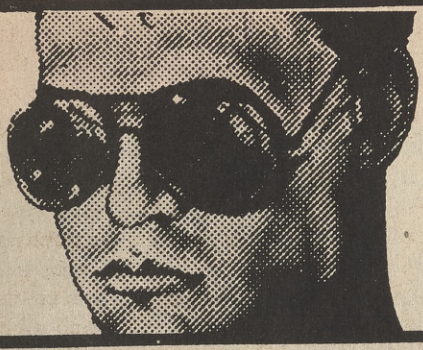

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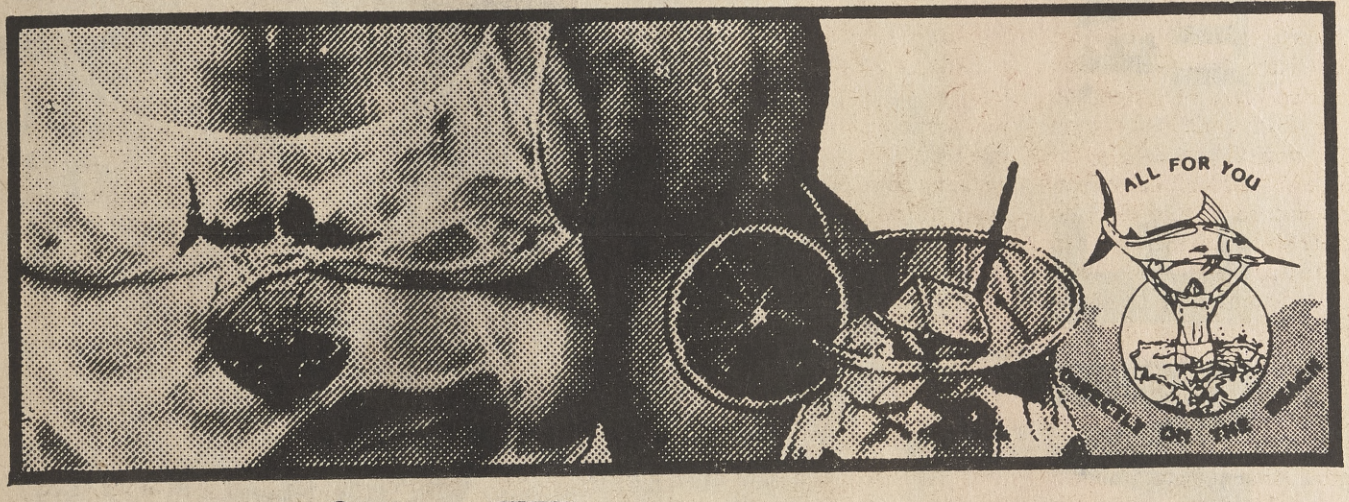

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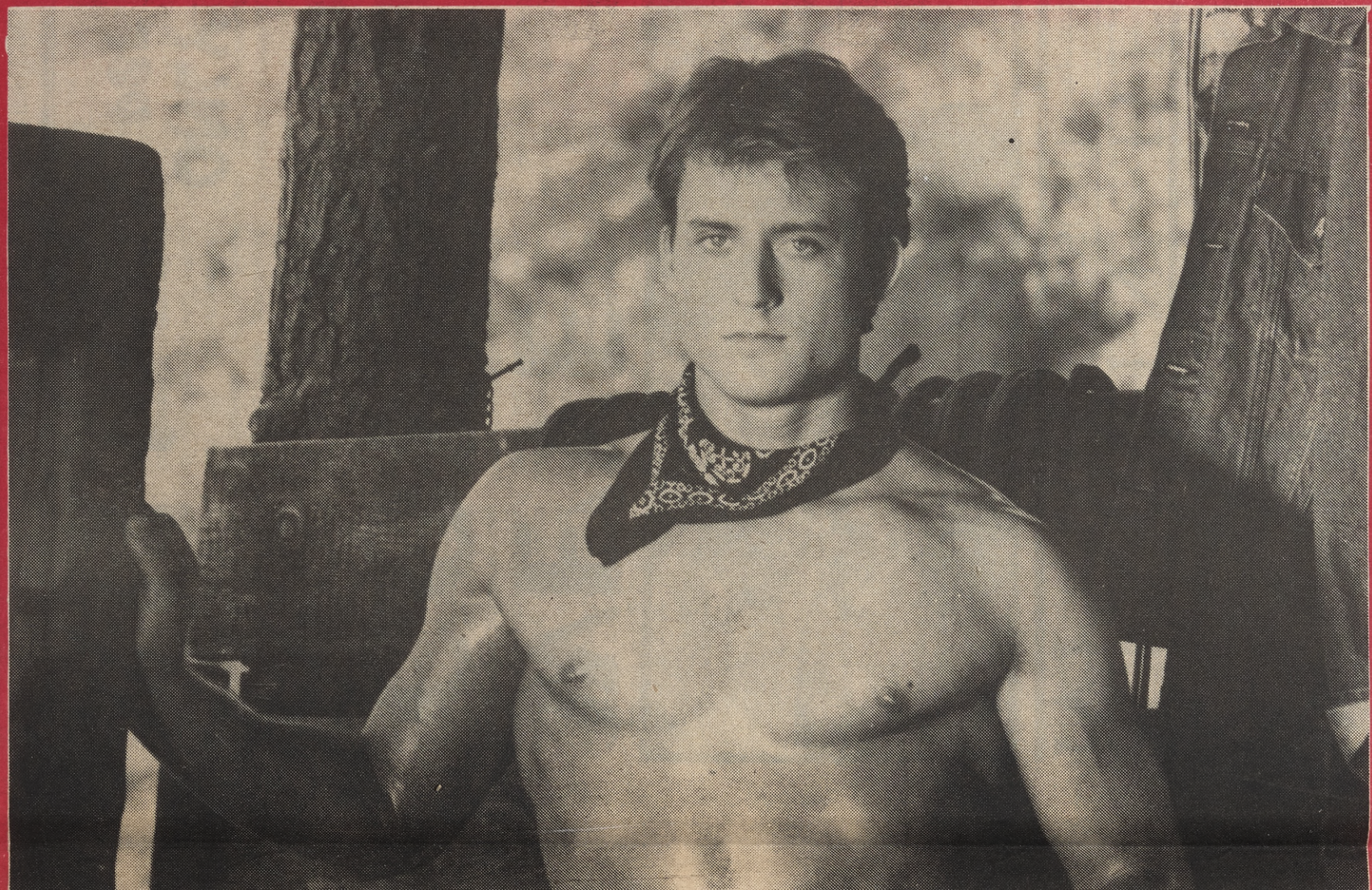

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gle person out there who has not also, present, past, or future fallen into some of the traps of that addictive love syndrome. You will find parts of yourself in this book. But, better yet, you will be able to gain a new grasp on yourself and a new recognition of just where and how you are manifesting behavior that is addictive, instead of loving, and be able to see the roots of that in your own growing up, and in most cases, be able to begin untangling and letting go of that behavior which malserves you and the one or ones whom you love.

For what Ms. Norwood so clearly sorts out for all of us is the ways in which we have grown up in a culture that promotes the idea that love and suffering are one and the same thing. And how pop songs promote the idea that "You're nobody 'til somebody loves you," "I can't go on if I'm on my own," and other phrases that re-enforce the idea that you, personally, are worthless and only become something of value when and if you are loved and made whole by someone other than yourself.

It's not just pop songs. It's the soap operas, the popular press. And it's also Romeo and Juliet, Camille, Anthony and Cleopatra. No wonder the chain of adolescent suicides that so shock adults. One way to prove that you love someone is to die for them!

Love is not fiery passion alternating with desperate rejection, loss, abandoment. Love is not pain and suffering. Love is not that which consumes you. That may be infatuation, an affair, a passionate romance, or what an earlier book referred to as limerance. And, it may indeed be the beginning of what love becomes; however, it is not love.

But as Robin Norwood so aptly points out, we need to relearn that what love is is nurturing, supporting, sustaining; simple and ultimately comfortable.

(Ralph H. Walker is creator of The Loving Brotherhood and The ALL NEW YOU Experience. For more information, you may contact Ralph at PO Box 556P, Sussex, NJ 07461 or (201) 875-4710. He will be happy to assist in any way possible in the organizing and promoting of self-help groups.)

AUSTIN

Ebony Connection has been organized to work on issues relevant to the black lesbian/gay community of Austin and surrounding areas.

Ebony Connection's primary focus is two-fold: (1) celebrating the positive lifestyles of black gays and lesbians; and (2) uniting the black lesbian/gay community to deal with discrimination.

For more information, contact PO Box 913, Austin, TX 78767 or pone (512) 335-0628.

OMAHA

The Midwest Gay Arts Festival is scheduled for the weekend of June 13-14, 1987 and will signal the start of two weeks of Gay Pride celebrations in Omaha. The event will be held at the Strauss Performing Arts Center on the camus of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Midwestern artists are invited to display their arts and crafts at the art show and sale during the Festival. For information, contact: Art Show Chair, River City Mixed Chorus, PO Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101.

MILWAUKEE

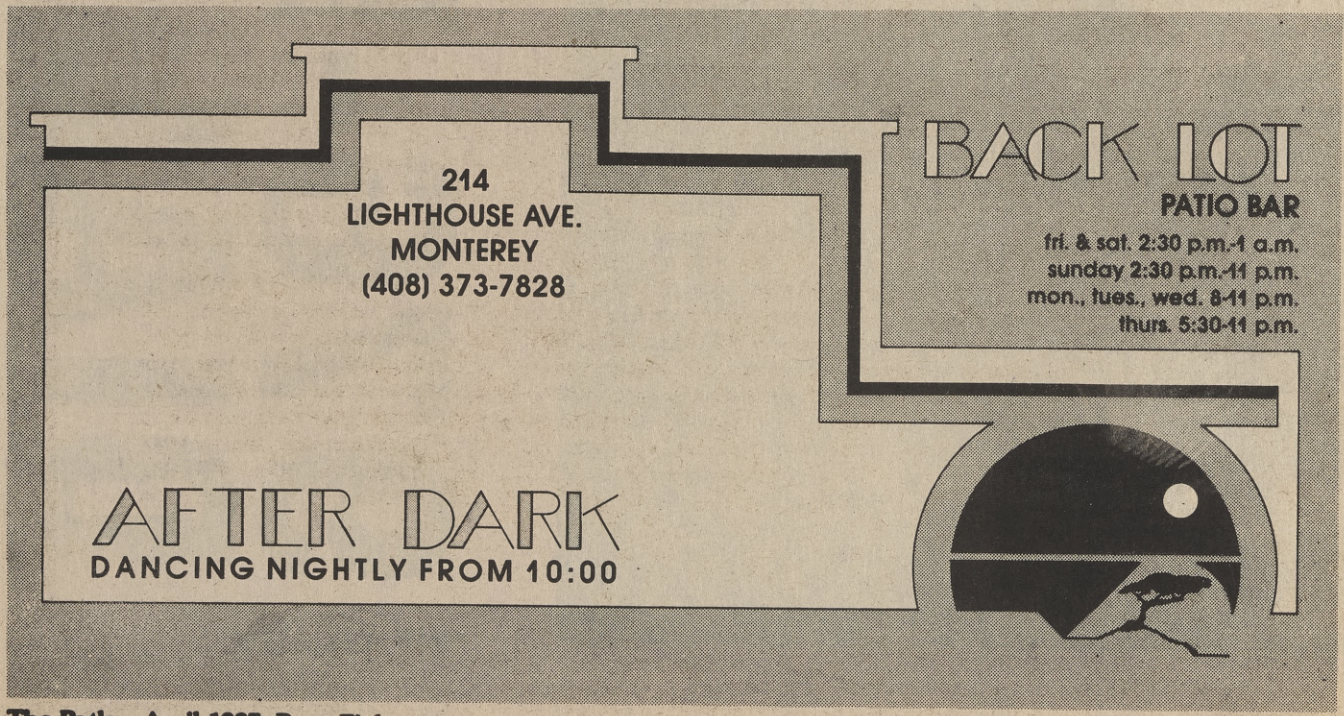
The National Association of Black & White Men Together (BWMT) is a national organization which has 27 local chapters. It is an organization for gay men whose feelings of attraction cross racial and ethnic lines.

BWMT aims to promote relationships based on the needs of individuals. Its seventh national convention will be held June 28-July 5, 1987 in Milwaukee. For more information, write BWMT National Convention '87, PO Box 12292, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

WALNUT CREEK

A federal civil rights lawsuit was filed recently by a woman alleging her Air Force career was ended by false charges of homosexuality.

The suit, filed in San Francisco, seeks unspecified compensatory damages and $7 million in punitive damages for Marsha Lutz, 39, of Walnut Creek, California. Lutz alleges that her 12-year Air Force career ended in January 1985 when the accusations surfaced and she was relieved as commander of an air controller squadron.



CROSSROADS MEETING PLACE

RELATIONSHIPS

Space in the Crossroads Meeting place is reserved for persons who want to meet others in order to develop a relationship. The cost is $10 each month that a message appears. (Up to 100 words; additional words 25¢ each; phone numbers count as one word.) Send the message and fee to Crossroads Meeting Place, c/o The Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

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NEWARK

The Newark Episcopal Diocese recently took action that is expected to lead to the reorganization of gay relationships.

At its annual general convention, the diocese voted to accept a report by a special task force that urged the diocese to support gay relationships under certain conditions .

The report by the Task Force on Changing Patterns of Sexuality stopped short, however, of endorsing gay marriages, noting their illegity.

Archdeacon Leslie Smith said that the report called on the Episcopal Church to recognize and support "uplifting, fulfilling and monogamous" relationships outside of traditional marriage.

But the report also made it clear that only "permanent, not serial" relationships should be supported by the church.

LONG BEACH

"There's No Place Like Home" will be the theme and Cal State Long Beach will be the place for the Annual Spring Concert of the Gay Men's Chorus of Long Beach. After a very successful performance in December, the Chorus is anxiously anticipating their return to the beautiful Student Union Auditorium on the Cal State Campus on Saturday, May 2 at 8:00 PM.

The theme for the spring concert reflects the beauty and richness of our native American music. All of the numbers to be performed will be by American composers and will trace the evolution of music in this country. As always, the Chorus will provide a variety of musical types, in this case from spirituals to blues, from folk to contemporary. The concert theme will be carried through on the program cover to be designed by Long Beach artist and cartoonist, Joe Quigley.

MINNEAPOLIS

The Minnesota Chapter of the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays (NCBLG) is making a strong effort to include black women in its activities. Previously, the group has been perceived as an organization for men.

The local chapter is known as IRUWA. The Masai used the name IRUWA for their High God. Various legends shows IRUWA endowed with attributes of the solar diety: satisfaction, accomplishment, success, favorable relationships, love, joy, unselfish devotion, sentiment, earthly happiness, acceptance of life, optimism, and contentment derived from extending oneself to another human being.

The local group meets every fourth Sunday at a member's home. For more information, write to IRUWA, PO Box 19146, Minneapolis, MI 55409.

FORT WAYNE

The Gay/Lesbian Organization (GLO) has started preparations for Fort Wayne's Pride Week events in June. Persons who want to be involved in planning or participating in Pride Week activities should contact the Up The Stairs Community Center at 3426 Broadway.

Pride Week will be celebrated from June 20 to June 28. The national slogan this year is "Proud, Strong, United."

GLO's committee coordinates activities for Fort Wayne. Local gay-supportive groups are encouraged to sponsor events for the celebration, develop a schedule to share with people locally and with Justice, Inc. (statewide coordinator), and choose a site for GLO's annual Block Party.

The event has grown to cover an entire week and includes participation by every gay organization in the city of Fort Wayne.

RENO

Stonewall Park, the Reno group which has purchased land in rural Nevada for gay-oriented activities, will conduct a summer camp for members of the gay community. Activities will begin on Saturday, May 30, 1987 and will continue throughout the summer and early fall. Gay Summer Camp '87 will be held on 41 acres of land six miles northeast of the Mill City exit of Interstate 80 in Pershing County, Nevada.

Nevada has a sodomy law which in recent years has been revamped to specifically discriminate against gays. The County Commissioners of Pershing County and the residents can be expected to go to any lengths to keep gay women and men from being open in the county. Organizers have been assured that the sodomy law will be enforced. Persons should be aware that their presence in Nevada could lead to harassment and possible arrest. Persons should also be aware that hitchhiking in Nevada is not safe.

Organizers are attempting to create a gay-oriented community with alcohol, drug, and psychological programs to help gay people reenter society, plus retirement housing to provide a protective environment for gay seniors.

Volunteers are needed who are willing to write letters on behalf of gay rights. Some degree of positive response can be expected when the State of Nevada and the tourist industry realize the amount of gay tourist dollars that flow into the state.

Information and abuse reservations may be had by writing Stonewall Park, 350 S. Center, #350, Reno, NV 89501; telephone (702) 747-5323.

DALLAS

The National Gay Alliance for Young Adults (NGAYA) will coordinate a National Gay Youth Awareness Week during the week of April 20-26, 1987. Activities planned for the week include a national media campaign focusing on issues concerning gay youth and an appearance on a national TV talk show. NGAYA encourages local gay youth, student groups, and organizations to sponsor activities coinciding with the national event.

Persons needing further information and any stations interested in broadcasting NGAYA public service announcements should write to: NGAYA, PO Box 190426, Dallas, TX 75219-0426.

CLEARLAKE

by Marge and Dona

Many newsworthy things have been happening in this area in the time that we have been here. In the last two years, our gay community has grown by leaps and bounds. Many couples have purchased single-family residences for their retirement, and several have bought such residences for vacation use.

We now have four gay resorts in operation, and there is the possibility of two additional ones opening by late spring. Also, the Cracked Skillet is under new ownership; the new owners are a great addition to our area.

Those are some of the positive things that have happened; some unpleasant things have happened as well. For instance, our beloved Cabaret burned to the ground Tuesday night, 3/3/87. The final word from the inspector is not in, but we understand that arson is a strong possibility. The owners are negotiating for another location. Proprietor Chuck Georgedes recently said, "We are establishing a reward fund for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who did this. As of now, the reward has grown to $1000."

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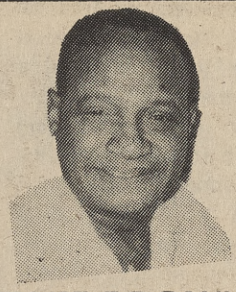

ERNIE BROWN

VIEWS FROM RIVER CITY

SACRAMENTO

An outstanding community member of Sacramento, Elizabeth Harrison, M.D., was awarded by ABC affiliate, KOVR Channel 13, Sacramento, their prestigious Jerry Award on Friday, March 13, for her unselfish work and creation of the local AIDS Foundation's Hand to Hand program. We at Patlar would like to thank you, Dr. Harrison, for all you've done over the years. You are very deserving of this award. Congratulations!...Our Sacramento community should stand up and applaud for the beautiful turnout we had at this year's Camp Awards. It was a beautiful, fun evening. The entertainment was superb, above reproach. Laughter and joy permeated the entire evening. This year's Camp Award was dedicated to the memory of our Empress, Randi. All proceeds go to the AIDS "Hand To Hand" project in the name of Randi's memorial fund. Hold on to your hats: During the campaign, we raised over $5000!...Have you noticed that this year's candidates for Empress & Emperor are going throughout all the local gay bars making themselves known? The candidates are: For Empress, Lady Garnett, Shay, Stacy; for Emperor, Ralph L., Skip, Bill, and Jim P. We will know the outcome on April 18 at the GNIE Coronation Ball being held this year at the Community Center starting at 6:00 PM. This is going to be one of the biggest we have ever had, so you should make reservations now. You can check with any candidate for information. I would like to extend ***The Patlar's*** best wishes to all candidates. Write this down: Voting on the candidates will take place Saturday, April 11 at the Lambda Center located at 20 & S Streets, right across from the Mercantile Saloon. Time: 11 AM to 8 PM. You must have a Sacramento identification card, preferably a driver's license...Cleo's is having their monthly bingo game Tuesday, April 13 starting at 7:30 PM...The Wreckroom will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt April 19, Easter Sunday. This will take place during their Pig-Out...Here is something you might not be aware of; however, I have mentioned it in my column many times before. Beau's (originally known as Scandals/BJ) are serving beautiful Sunday brunches. They are also having their talent quest finals on April 17. Preliminaries are taking place every Thursday night til the finals. First place winner will receive a trip to Hawaii. Still coming up at Beau's, a Sacramento first: They are planning on starting a Gay Sacto Film Festival (free). Watch for their announcements...Coming to Faces, once again, Jolo!!! Remember how great she was last time. Now she is even better...OK, Sacramento, here is your chance of a lifetime to help roast our Emperor, Terry. Directed & produced by our candidate for Emperor, Ralph, this will take place at Faces right after GNIE court meeting...He is coming back! Yes, if you missed him last time, don't miss him this time. Michael Greer. He is coming back to Cleo's sometime in April. Please watch for date and time...The Merc is still serving those beautiful hotdog sandwiches every Monday...

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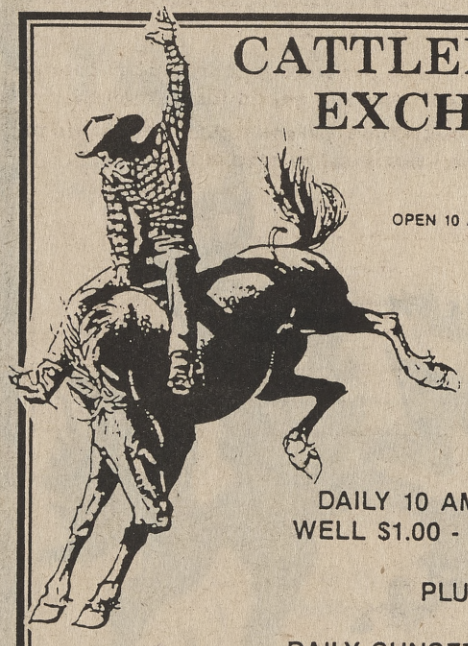

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HOROSCOPES

by Dr. Pat Larr

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21): Mars is riding you ascendant right now. You always wanted to be a top person anyway. Now's the chance to show them your stuff.

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 20): Things are going to get very tricky for you in the next couple of weeks. Tricks to the right, tricks to the left! Whether you wind up with that magic trick, however, or just a card trick is all up to you.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): Jupiter, the good luck planet, moves into your House of Communications the first of the month. Use your powers of persuasion to talk to that special someone into something, or out of something.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 23): That clandestine meeting you've been planning could be dangerous right now. The wrong people may find out. Don't get caught with your pants down!

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 22): You've got a rough trade to make in the next two weeks—love or money. Venus puts pleasure pressure on your House of Work, so expect piles of paperwork on the job, but you may want to chuck it all for that cute little number who only has eyes for you.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 23): Mars and Uranus, the movers and shakers of the cosmos, give your sign an extraterrestrial jolt the next two weeks by sending a lot of heavenly bodies your way. Wait until you get a load (and I do mean a load) of the Big Dipper.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22): Don't put off those repairs any longer. You'll look better with a shiny crankshaft and feel better after a lube job. And you may find a humpy repairman to rotate your tires.

SAGITARRIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21): An old flame from the past wants to rekindle a few sparks. Don't burn the candle at both ends. Remember, only you can prevent forest fires.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20): Here's a switch: Someone turns on your love-light, but you're in the dark about his motives. Got for it. It could lead to a megawatt romance.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 18): There's a lot of hanky-panky going on in your sign this month. Wear an orange hanky and you'll be up for any kind of panky (or spanky).

PICES (Feb 19-Mar 20): Now is the time for a major re-evaluation in your life. Examine your finances, who you're going with, and more importantly, who you're coming with.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20): You're particularly vulnerable to criticism right now. Avoid hasty remarks and gossip. If you're into backbiting, do it in bed.

GROWING NOTES

by Robert B. Hamm

April is a spring month and a fitting time to start this new column on plants and their care. I will try to cover seasonal notes of interest to both indoor and outdoor growers. Whether your growing is restricted to a few houseplants, or to a yard full of landscaping in Sacramento, CA; Wichita Falls, TX; Meteire, LA; or Tucson, AZ you will find my information useful.

If you have requests for me to cover a specific topic, send them to me at PO Box 160903, Sacramento, CA 95816.

For indoor plants, April is a transition month almost anywhere. From the dullness of winter with its short, cloudy days and drying home heat, we go to the longer days of spring with more light and a reprieve between heating and

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words, "I am gay" will sound slightly bizarre. Regardless of their reactions, telling our parents that we are queer can rarely esape being a Big Thing, especially with AIDS so widespread.

AIDS has surely touched all our lives. For me, last year brought it home with the deaths of three men close to me, including the ex-lover of my closest friend, Drew. I would call him every night to see how the day's visit to the hospital had gone. Even at that distance, it was difficult for me to be involved, just trying to keep *myself* together while Drew discussed his friend's condition. The phone rang one morning, and I knew as soon as I touched the receiver what the call would be. The words, "Dennis died this morning" stood there in a big open space, sounding slightly bizarre.

In the five months since then, I have come a long way in understanding not only what AIDS can do to the people who have it, but also the the people around them. I have been volunteering my Sunday afternoons to the People with AIDS Coalition. I have met some great people, all of them PWAs or PWARCs, and I have learned a lot about myself.

When we're healthy, we take so many things for granted, things that are impossible for so many PWAs. And it's also easy to take our friends and family for granted. We blow up at people for the tiniest annoyance. This can be especially true around PWAs; the pressure of a life-threatening disease can quickly add tension to an otherwise calm relationship, and rightfully so. Who wouldn't be nervous? It is at this time that patience and understanding become necessary virtues, crucial to maintaining everyone's sanity.

What all this boils down to is "getting over it." (I don't mean AIDS; I mean IT, whatever IT may be.) So what if your best friend *always* calls in the morning before you're up? So what if the adorable guy you called last week *still* hasn't called back? I've found I can get over all of these things and a whole lot more.

When I finally sat up and took notice of what AIDS was doing to the PWAs around me, it was time for a major reorganization in my priorities. There's not time to screw around with petty differences, even if we all live to be a hundred and ten. And the presence of this virus in our lives makes it all the more pressing that we get over a lot of things. Your mother is always going to ask if you took your vitamins; it's always going to rain on at least part of your day off; there will always be a line at the post office. Get over it!

The important things are finally allowed to take their places. It feels right to give someone that hug you were afraid to give; to allow them that small mistake; to tell them how much you like them. This is what makes the difference, what makes us alive.

For many of us, especially after coming out to them, our parents represent the other end of one of our most important relationships. In this area, getting over it can be incredibly difficult and drawn out; after all, there are decades of history with which to be dealt. But it is also *because* of that history that it is so very crucial.

For me, coming out to my parents opened up a relationship that was virtually dead. We had fought through my adolescence, and telling them that I was gay served, at the time, to illuminate the insignificance of the issues we'd been arguing over all those years. One of the repercussions of AIDS touching my life has been to strengthen that feeling.

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GROWING
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air conditioning seasons. Most indoor plants will resume growth after sitting most of the winter half dormant. Therefore, a little fertilizer once new growth is evident will give the plant a boost.

If you're planning to move indoor plants outdoors for the summer, remember that GRADUAL is the watchword! Taking a plant that is used to indoor low light and putting it directly into sun and wind will result in fried plant, even if it is a normally sun-loving plant. Plants need to adjust to the sun slowly or they burn. Move your plants into a protected, bright shade first, and then move them into more light/sun over a period of two to three weeks in order to let them adjust.

Outdoor trees, shrubs, bulbs, and lawns will benefit from being fed when growth begins. A regular feeding program lasting until midsummer will give even better results. If you're the lazy type of gardener, then you can use either Osmocate or Mag-amp time-release fertilizers which last for six to nine months depending on the formula (check the label). These are higher priced, but one application lasts the entire season.

When buying fertilizer, you can save money by taking a moment to learn what the numbers on each fertilizer bag mean. The three numbers are the percentage per one hundred pounds of the three major plant nutrients: nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. Nitrogen is for green, leafy growth; phosphorus is for flower development; and potassium is for root growth.

If you're buying fifty pounds of fertilizer, you'd naturally pick up the cheapest fifty-pound bag in order to save money, right? No, not always.

A fifty-pound bag of 5-5-5 contains 7½ pounds of nutrients and 42½ pounds of filler; but a fifty-pound bag of 20-20-20 contains thirty pounds of nutrients. If you bought the former at a special $8.95 rather than paying two or three times that for the latter, you still lost money. The second bag contains four times more fertilizer in it, and even though the bag costs more, the cost per pound of fertilizer is lower. This is the way a lot of discount brands sell cheap fertilizer. Also, the stronger formula takes less fertilizer on a given area to do the same job.

The question of when to prune is what is critical. The following blooming plants bloom on the last season's growth, so each year they should be pruned immediately after they bloom. New growth will bloom next spring. People often mistakenly prune these in fall or winter and cut off the flower buds by mistake: wisteria, flowering quince, hydrangea macrophylla, philadelphus (mock orange), forsythia, lilac, spirea vanhoutei, and weigelia.

Also, there are some trees that should never be spring pruned. These are the maples, especially silver maple. These trees heal wounds slowly and can bleed to death if pruned during spring when the sap is runnings. Pruning on these trees should be done either in midsummer for corrective pruning, or in fall right after leaf drop for major pruning.

Interested in unusual plants? If you are interested in begonias, gesneriads, succulents, tropicals, perennials for outdoor gardens, peperomias, or new plants coming available, I'd be interested in hearing from you. I write a national mailorder newsletter and grow and sell plants through the mail ($3 subscription for the newsletter). I'm also interested in trading for varieties I don't have. You can reach me by writing to: Robert B. Hamm, PO Box 160903, Sacramento, CA 95816-0903.

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virtually made by Judge Hand, himself, in a bizarre twist of judicial fabrication. And they are backed by the National Legal Foundation, a group founded by TV evangelist Pat Robertson.

The Alabama textbook banning case is under appeal. It is similar to a Tennessee case where books and children's classics came under attack by Beverly LaHaye's Concerned Women For America. CWA won in Tennessee. However, the local school board and People For The American Way are also appealing that ruling.

William Faulkner's 1930 novel ***As I Lay Dying*** has been banned from classrooms in Graves County, Kentucky. The Buffalo, New York Board of Education has withdrawn two family life textbooks in response to a complaint by an elected board member.

And a new study by the National Coalition on TV reports that unofficially announced presidential candidate Pat Robertson may be a classic example of the hypocrisy ruling organized religion today. The NCTV reported recently that Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network programs hare high in violence and have harmful effects on young children and adolescents. The CBN programs, NCTV reported, include a much higher incidence of violence and alcoholic beverage consumption that do other TV network programs.

A solution...? Most human rights activists agree: The fundies should not be discouraged from getting the public attention they compulsively crave. But, when we're confronting them, it may be our best strategy to let them talk. The more they say, the more the public can sniff out what they're about. The public is far more intelligent than fundamentalists credit them to be...when we're awake, that is.

You comments, information, wit and verse are appreciated and will be printed if possible. Write: Frank Batey, **That's Fairly Intereting**, PO Box 8043, Palm Springs, CA 92264.

AT WORK
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Double Standard

Other gay people are entitled to be judged by the same standards you employ for straight colleagues. A haircut or sibilant S is not, after all, a very real threat. Certain behavior, on the other hand, can create a problem, as the editor in the example above discovered. Don't be afraid to approach a gay co-worker to discuss a problem you're having with his or her behavior. Of course, your approach must be considered. You may be bringing up a sensitive subject, and you won't want to come in an antagonistic or accusatory way.

Flabbergasted as he was, the editor did his best to handle the situation in a positive manner. "I was startled, but I didn't get angry. I told Michael that although his attention was flattering, it was not appropriate office behavior, even between straight co-workers. I think he understood, because everything was fine after that. We worked very well together."

Circumstances force too many of us in nongay work environments to be less than honest about ourselves. It seems unnecessarily self-defeating to pass up the opportunity to resolve any difficulty by not speaking openly with a gay co-worker. Accepting a gay co-worker does not commit you to anything more than a professional relationship. That relationship, however, could become a valuable part of your office support network.

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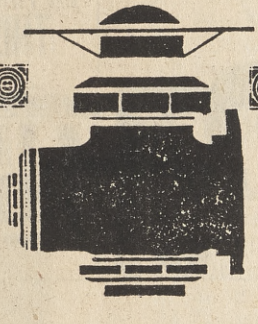

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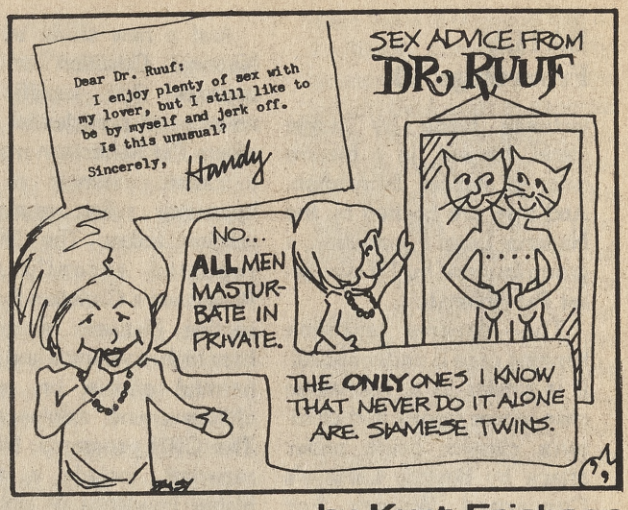
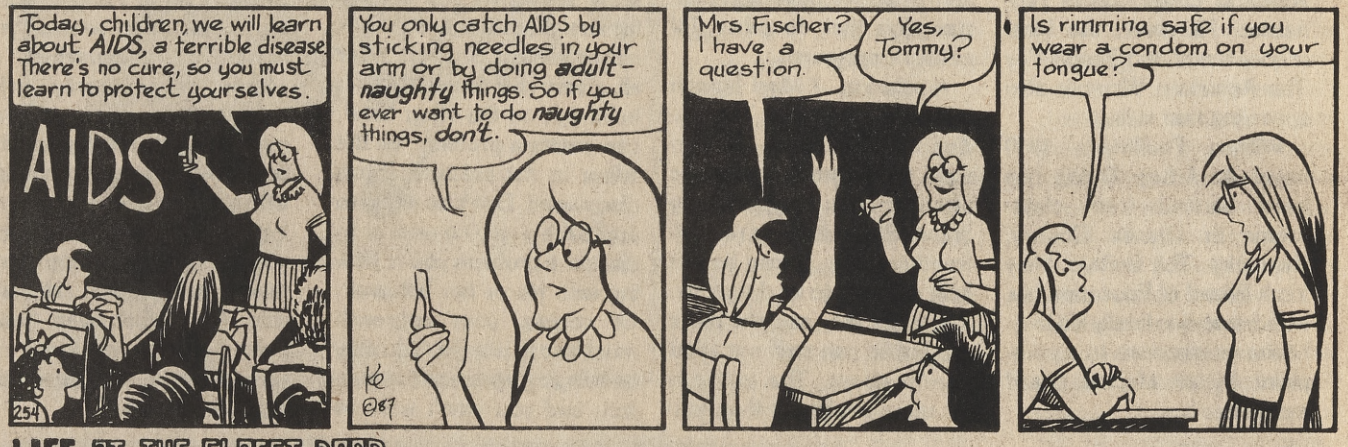

SEX ADVICE FROM DR. RUUF
Dear Dr. Ruuf:
I enjoy plenty of sex with my lover, but I still like to be by myself and jerk off. Is this unusual?
Sincerely,
Handy
NO... ALL MEN MASTURBATE IN PRIVATE.
THE ONLY ONES I KNOW THAT NEVER DO IT ALONE ARE SIAMESE TWINS.

MURPHY'S MANOR

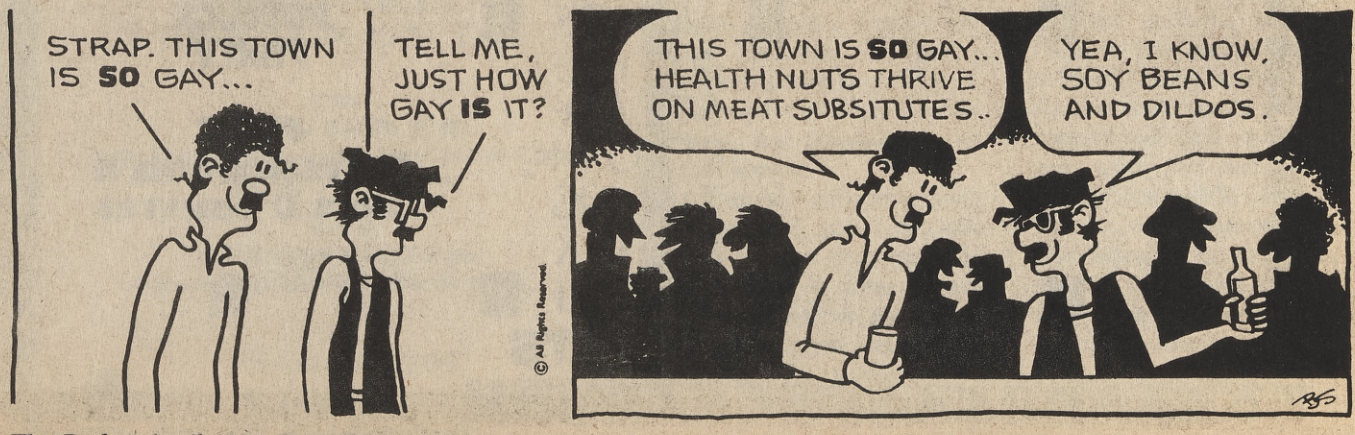
by Kurt Erichsen


Today, children, we will learn about AIDS, a terrible disease. There's no cure, so you must learn to protect yourselves.
AIDS
You only catch AIDS by sticking needles in your arm or by doing adult-naughty things. So if you ever want to do naughty things, don't.
Mrs. Fischer? I have a question.
Yes, Tommy?
Is rimming safe if you wear a condom on your tongue?

LIFE AT THE CLOSET DOOR

IRANGATE OR IRANGAYT
I'M DIERDRE O'DAY
U.S. OFFICIALS WON'T CONFIRM THAT "GAY DOLLARS" HAVE BEEN FOUND IN THE IRAN-CONTRA FUND!
GEE... I SUPPOSE CONGRESS WILL BLAME ME FOR THIS TOO...
MR. PRESIDENT... THEY'VE ALREADY SUBPOENAED RON JR.!

JACQUES AND STRAP


STRAP. THIS TOWN IS SO GAY...
TELL ME, JUST HOW GAY IS IT?
THIS TOWN IS SO GAY... HEALTH NUTS THRIVE ON MEAT SUBSITUTES..
YEA, I KNOW, SOY BEANS AND DILDOS.

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Dykes to Watch Out For

HIGH ANXIETY
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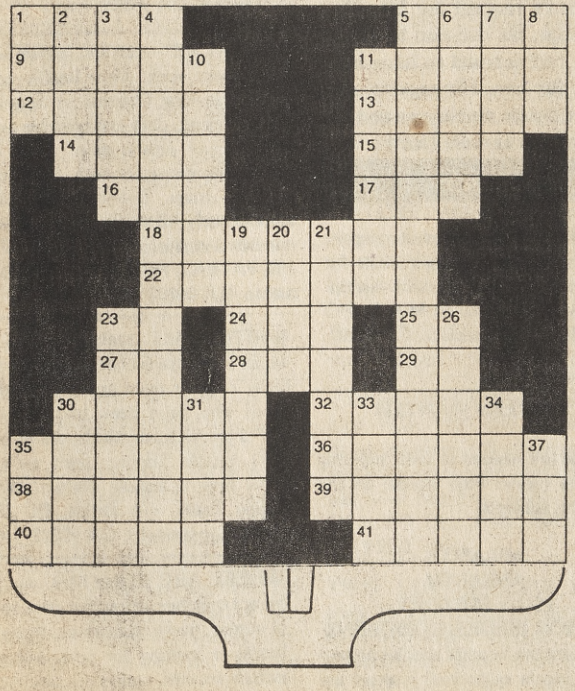
ONE NIGHT AFTER KARATE CLASS...
DON'T YOU SEE THE IRONY OF YOUR SITUATION, MO? YOU MIGHT BE MISERABLE NOT HAVING A JOB...
BUT WHAT'S THAT COMPARED WITH THE MISERY OF HAVING ONE? WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER FOR DINNER TONIGHT? I TOLD TONI YOU WOULD.
SURE, CLARICE
SNAP
HI ANTONIA.
WELL, IF IT AIN'T THE KARATE KIDS!
STILL JOB HUNTING, MO?
GROAN
RIGHT.
SHE'S KINDA ANXIOUS & DEPRESSED. LET'S TRY AND CHEER HER UP!
OVER THE LENTIL STEW...
GEE, MO... SINCE YOU'RE COLLECTING UNEMPLOYMENT, WHY DON'T YOU JUST TAKE TIME OUT TO DO SOMETHING YOU REALLY LIKE?! ENJOY YOUR FREEDOM!
YOU'RE RIGHT! GODDESS KNOWS HOW MUCH LONGER IT'LL LAST! DOESN'T THE INCREASING CONSERVATISM IN THIS COUNTRY WORRY YOU?
IT MAKES ME FEEL KIND OF SCHIZOPHRENIC... HERE WE ARE, GOING ABOUT OUR LITTLE COUNTER-CULTURE LIVES, RIGHT?
BUT OUT THERE IN THE REAL WORLD THEY'RE BOMBING ABORTION CLINICS... HOLDING NAZI AND KKK RALLIES... TRYING TO QUARANTINE PEOPLE WHO MIGHT HAVE AIDS!
THEY'RE MAKING SECRET WEAPONS DEALS TO ILLEGALLY FUND SO-CALLED "FREEDOM FIGHTERS" AND CALLING IT "THE LORD'S WORK!!"
WE'RE LIVING IN A PROTESTANT POLICE STATE AND ALL I'M WORRIED ABOUT IS GETTING A JOB SO I CAN HELP PERPETUATE THE PARANOID PATRIARCHAL DEATH CULTURE!
YOU TWO ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT! THANKS FOR THE LENTILS! I HAVE TO GO HOME NOW AND RETHINK MY PRIORITIES!
SLAM
GREAT! NOW I'M ANXIOUS & DEPRESSED!
IF I WEREN'T SO PRINCIPLED, I'D SAY IT'S HIGH TIME SHE GOT HERSELF A GIRLFRIEND!

"WHAT'S UP _____?



ACROSS

1. Blow with quick blast
5. School subject (abbr.)
9. Privates area
11. Marx brother
12. Nimble
13. Employers
14. _____ Fitzgerald
15. Remain
16. Share (abbr.)
17. Fold and stitch
18. Rude intruder
22. By the sea
23. Trucker radio
24. Royal Hibernian Acad.
25. Doctor do it all
27. Laugh sound
28. Dike
29. Soap with 25 (abbr.)
30. Rope
32. Sounds again
35. European Peninsula
36. Baths' features
38. High-spirited mounts
39. _____ Hemingway
40. Davis or Midler
41. Manner

DOWN

1. Golf organization
2. Coax
3. Thwarts
4. Gather eggs (3 wds.)
5. Reason for 4 (3 wds.)
6. Thick milky stuff
7. Nashville showplace
8. Negatives
10. Close to myself (2 wds.)
11. Quieted
19. Forgives
20. Gov't. safety authority
21. Purring breed
23. Hillside villa
26. Fake
30. Past due
31. Namesake for S&M
33. Autos
34. S.A. Soccer League
35. Degree in biology or bastard son of a bitch
37. Sainte (abbr.)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK IN SAC
GAY PRIDE DAY

Returning this year by popular demand and less government red tape, the LAMBDA COMMUNITY FAIR will again happen at McKinley Park (E & Alhambra streets) on June 20th, 1987 in collaboration with the National Gay Pride Week. Unlike 1986, the Lambda Foundation *WAS* able to secure insurance to satisfy city forms and their own tails as well, this year. Some may recall the efforts of Faces to hold 'Rainbow Festival' in August of last year and may possibly again this year.

As for Booth Information and Registration, here are some spec.s:

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
INFO ONLY.....$15
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Booth registration expires May 18th
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Registration forms available at the Lambda Community Center. Further info, including program ad rates, may be obtained by calling the L.C.C. at 442-0185. We hope EVERYONE can join this 'Celebration of Our Community'.

CELEBRATE. Many Stoctonians celebrated the 'rebirth' of their court system over the last weekend of March. Smokey, proud owner of the BOOTSTRAP, with much help, hosted the out-of-town show at his very friendly establishment. The newly elected monarchs: Sugar, Empress 14 and John, Emperor 14 were congratulated by coronation coordinators Charlie Preston, Mod Noss, and Lance Robards, all active members of Sacrameanto's court.

MAKING MEDIA. ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY PRODUCTIONS, a recently organized gay community based organization geared to bring alternative programming to Sacramento's cable T.V. is having their first fund raiser. 'LITTER-FREE MIDTOWN BENIFIT'. Volunteers are needed to pick-up trash in the midtown area on Sunday, April 26th, meeting first at 9:30 am at the Lambda Canter, 1930 'L' Street. Donations are accepted in any size and checks may be made payable to ACP. For more info call 395-8295.

RUMMAGE SALE. Saturday, April 11th from 10-5. New and Used ITEMS NEEDED!! for C.G.N.I.E's Rummage Sale Fundraiser at Faces parking lot. Drop box available at Faces. Booth rental space is available for businesses at $15 (you supply all). Any $$ accepted. Info: call 448-7798

LEATHER & LACE Women's motorcyle club schedule: 4/4-Bike Rally; 4/12-Calistoga Run; 4/17-Clearlake; 4/25-Meeting. Coming in May: 5/3-Meeting; 5/9-Bar Hop; 5/17-Moaning Cavern Run; 5/31-Wine Country Run. (74AT)

SOBER & SOCIAL, Friday nights at the The Center. Sacramento's Gay & Lesbian Coffee House in the heart of midtown. Refreshments, conversation, games. Everyone welcome. 8:30 PM to midnight. Lambda Community Center, 1931 I Street. (74AT)

CRAFTDAY for K.O.G./-K.O.A.L.A. On March 21, a number of kid showed up to participate in "Craftday for K.O.G" (Kids of Gays) sponsored by Kevin and Ed of "Debut Functions." It was held at the Lambda Community Center and the purpose was to get more exposure for this worthy organization. Recently, the groups, "Women with Children" joined efforts with K.O.G. and created K.O.A.L.A. (Kids of Alternative Lifetyle Adults). This peer group is filled with enthusiasm and talented children. For more info. call Dorothy at (916) 1-757-2189. (74AT)

"RUMOURS" HAVE IT that Sacramento's proposed newest gay bar is just that...a rumor! According to Terry Sidie, bar entrepreneur, many misgivings have played a part in his final decision to stop all further work on his newest gay bar "RUMOURS," which was located in recently born West Sacramento. Terry explains that the city held up issuing a $20.00 business license to the point of dismay. Then, when the insurance company quoted his yearly premium to cover his landlord's request for $1 million coverage, his decision to halt all plans had seemed to have been made for him. His regrets were shared by his employees and our community as well. (74AT)

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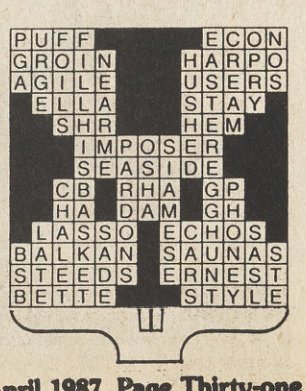

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